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# Title: COMMUNITY ACCESS CONTROL IN A MULTI- COMMUNITY NODE

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This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action of January 11, 2006, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.